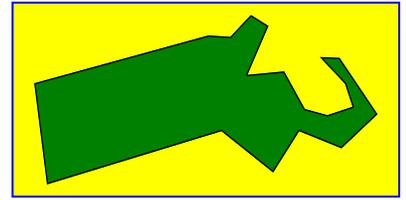


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## MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER FACTS...

### I already belong to the National AAP, why should I become a member of the Massachusetts Chapter?

#### Advocacy

- Increase knowledge of and participation in legislative and advocacy activities on the local level
- Increase involvement in the legislative arena to positively influence the quality of pediatric practice and the welfare of children in Massachusetts
- Build coalitions with other organizations working toward improving children's health and well-being
- Promote and communicate the interests and concerns of Massachusetts' pediatricians in the Chapter and AAP

#### Leadership

- Lead and participate in chapter committees of particular interest to members

#### Networking

- Network with other pediatricians with similar interests
- Represent chapter members on national AAP committees

#### Education

- Free subscription to the MCAAP newsletter, the *Forum*. Other information pertinent to the business of pediatrics is communicated to members via the Chapter listserv in real time.
- Discounted CME programs that provide CME category 1 AMA credits
- Opportunity to apply for grants to help fund international electives and funds to attend the Annual AAP Legislative Conference

### What has your Chapter done lately?

- Identified "Investment in Early Childhood" as a priority that will be reflected in all Chapter activities
- Sponsored a summit that convened stakeholders in early childhood services, "*Early Childhood Summit 2013: Innovation and Opportunity*" that took place at the Boston Federal Reserve on April 5, 2013.
- Convened a group of "Chapter Champions" to serve as liaisons between the Chapter and local pediatric residency programs and medical schools to strengthen ongoing young physician participation in the Chapter and the AAP.
- Galvanized membership to lend input to the state's Medicaid Payment Reform Initiative
- Provided testimony to the state regarding medical marijuana regulations
- Launched an Oral Health Committee

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- Convened a payment reform workgroup who collectively wrote a paper about the specific needs of pediatrics within payment reform and ACOs.
- Convened a Medical Home workgroup who collectively wrote a pediatric Medical Home white paper
- Filed legislation that would create a fund to ensure that all children in Massachusetts receive the recommended immunizations.
- Expanded the Children's Mental Health Task Force (CMHTF). The CMHTF is comprised of pediatric professionals from psychiatry, parent advocacy leagues, Department of Mental Health, Department of Children and Families, Department of Public Health, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Early Education and Care, health insurance plans, and other agencies concerned with addressing mental health issues that affect children. This Task Force continues to vigorously advocate for children with mental health issues.
- Continued Advocacy for a state-wide immunization initiative which has led to dramatic increases in rates of childhood immunization across all age groups throughout the state. The Initiative educates pediatricians, parents, and school nursing representatives. This has resulted in a marked decrease in missed opportunities to immunize. These efforts have resulted in increased awareness among pediatricians and the public about the importance of immunizations, recent advances in immunizations, and the rapidly changing childhood immunization schedules. Advocated to return Massachusetts to a universal state.
- Established a residents' committee and supported a residents' lobby day at the state capitol. The Chapter has over 20 committees that are actively working to improve access to health care for children and their families. These committees are listed on the Chapter's web site at [www.mcaap.org](http://www.mcaap.org).
- Sponsored the Annual Edward Penn Memorial Lecture, a CME program featuring renowned speakers covering a timely topic of interest to pediatricians. This 2013 program will fulfill all of the state risk management requirements in one program that will be adapted to an online format.

### **Annual Chapter Dues:**

Fellow \$150; Specialty Fellow \$150; Emeritus Fellow \$0; Retired Fellow \$0; Associate member \$150; Candidate Member \$75; PRT \$25; Resident \$0; Honorary Fellow \$0. The cost of membership in the AAP & MCAAP is underwritten for medical students.

### **Whom do I contact?**

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**You can visit the Massachusetts Chapter's Web page at [www.mcaap.org](http://www.mcaap.org).**

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